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Sound & Spirit presents: Marko Petricic - Organ & Bayan

Sunday, November 11, 4:00 p.m.

by Maureen Purcell

“How did he get all those sounds out of that instrument?”

Everytime I have the opportunity to catch Marko Petricic in a concert that includes the bayan, I like to sit close and I like a soft seat. Other than to say I watch with amazement and pleasure, I need to resort to what words experts use to describe why I'm amazed and why I enjoy it so much. The above review was from someone who attended a meeting of the American Guild of Organists when Dr. Petricic performed on the bayan in 2006. I like it. Pithy and right to the point.

Opening the 2018-2019 Sound & Spirit is Marko Petricic playing music of diverse styles and centuries on two instruments he knows well – the bayan and pipe organ. The free concert, held in Northminster's own sanctuary, will showcase Northminster's own music associate and organist's varied and skillful programming that the congregation has come to appreciate, and also the richness and depths of the instruments. In February 2008, The Diapason reviewed Marko after an organ recital and masterful choir accompaniment during the OHA National convention as “a brilliant performer with a great sense of color.”

In November's concert, expect to get a good bit of the Bach Clavier

Ubung project. The third part, BWV 669-689, is an edifice of the Baroque organ repertory, consisting of exquisitely beautiful free works and chorale settings, which provide an overview of Bach's mature compositional voice.

Perhaps surprisingly, these works find an uncommon ally when transcribed for the bayan, an instrument with a similar operating principle and design to the accordion. Dr. Petricic has been a trailblazer in transcribing Bach's organ music for the bayan, shedding a bright light on the capacities of both instruments.

The bayan too will have a solo voice in the concert performing original works written just for this special, and rather new, instrument.

A Hoosier by education at Indiana University, the Serbian born musician has a PH.D. from the Bloomington school and holds the position of adjunct professor of organ and sacred music at UIndy. In 2014 he presented a scholarly paper on “Performing Organ works on the Bayan Accordion” at the American Guild of Organists National Convention. He has presented recitals and master classes at Shanghai Normal University in China, University of Toronto, Canada and University of Belgrade, Serbia during the 2016-2017 seasons.



Petricic has won numerous organ competition awards including the First Prize at the San Marino National Organ Competition in Los Angeles and has served twice as a member of the jury for the Fort Wayne National Organ competition and the local AGO chapter competition in Indianapolis. As a bayan-accordion performer, he has won top prizes at International competitions throughout Europe and the United States. And his passion for various musical genres lead to a concert of Spanish and South American music for the Embassy of Spain in Puerto Rico after he won a prize at the Latin American Music Center competition at IU.

As an accomplished keyboard performer, he has been called by the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra to play on numerous occasions, featuring a wide range of repertoire from Durufle to John Williams to Lutoslavski and Penderecki under the such esteemed conductors and Krzysztof Urbanski, Edo De Waart, Roberto Abbado, and Giancarlo Guerrero.

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Pastoral Ponderings - by Teri Thomas



A year ago, I was traveling in the second month of my sabbatical. I woke up every morning in gratitude for the gift of sabbatical. I went to bed each night even more grateful. It turned out I was in Rotorua, New Zealand on Thanksgiving Day.

I visited a Mauri village in the morning, did some shopping, and spent a few hours in the local library. All day I saw signs up advertising Black Friday Sales in the stores. I thought it was very interesting that they celebrated the day after Thanksgiving, though they did not celebrate Thanksgiving.

I decided to treat myself to a very nice Thanksgiving dinner and found a restaurant with some great lamb dishes. That was as close as I could get to turkey. While I sat in this beautiful restaurant, enjoying a delicious meal I was overcome with a feeling of sadness. I rattled off all my blessings in my mind trying to regain my sense of contentment and gratitude. Finally, I realized that all my possessions, all my opportunities, even all my

travels and experiences, could not fill the spot in my life filled by people. I was half way around the world, all alone in a hotel, sitting at a table for one while most everyone I knew was gathering with family or fiends around a feast and a football game (and it was football, not soccer).

This year I will again give thanks for all my material blessings. I am grateful for my experiences and travel opportunities, for my health, and for a job I love. But at the top of my gratitude list this year will be people; the people with whom I share meals and coffee breaks, the people who join me on my travels or anticipate my return, the people who know me and understand my dreams and desires, the people who laugh with me and cry with me, the people who care.

I hope each and every one of you have a Thanksgiving filled with gratitude and love for the people in your life.

Blessings, Teri

IHN is Coming: December 2-9

For a third time this year, Northminster will once again host families experiencing homelessness, December 2-9.

There are many opportunities to help, and something for everyone: we need van drivers, dinner preparers, activity hosts and overnight hosts.

As the Holidays begin to approach, consider how you can be a blessing in the lives of these families.

Sign-up will begin November 4th, in the Gathering Place, or online. If you have questions, talk to us in the Gathering Place on Sundays. We thank you for always stepping up and creating a warm and welcoming environment for these families.

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All this, and still you will ask, how does he get all those sounds out of those instruments? Sit close and get comfortable.

From Bach to jazz to bluegrass, Sound & Spirit concerts celebrate regional and international artistry. These concerts are presented free of charge to the Broad Ripple Community and beyond. Funded by supporters and the audience, we accept a free-will offering to maintain standards of future events.

For more about this and all future Sound & Spirit concerts, go to: <http://bit.ly/SandS18-19>.

Discipleship Small Group Opportunities

Wednesday Night Study Group - 6:00 – 7:15 pm

We are continuing this 8-week study of *The Great Spiritual Migration* by Brian McLaren. McLaren will discuss how the world's largest religion is seeking a better way to be Christian. Join us as we reflect on and explore who we are and who we can become. Parish Associate Carol McDonald will facilitate our discussions.

We still have a few copies of the book in the church office (\$12). You will need your Bible ... the Common English translation if you have access to it.

Please sign up for this study by calling the church office (317-251-9489) so we will know how many to expect.

Discipleship in November – 10 am in the Board Room

1st Sunday of the Month (Nov. 4): Science Fiction Book Discussion of *A Wrinkle In Time* by Madeleine L'Engle. Led by Bill Dynes.

2nd Sunday of the Month (Nov. 11): *The New York Times and the Bible*. Led by Mark Moore.

4th Sunday of the Month (Nov. 25): *Coffee with Krista Tippet*. Led by Maureen Wilson.

Book Group Discussion – *Educated, A Memoir*, by Tara Westover. Noon on Sunday, November 18 in Calvin Hall

Tara Westover's memoir about leaving a survivalist family to seek an education and her escape from violence and emotional prison is a "punch to the gut, a slow burn, a savage indictment and a love letter." Her story guides us through the extraordinary landscape of her coming of age and makes us feel what she felt, growing up among fanatics.

So buy the book, read the book and join Associate Pastor Ruth Moore at noon on Nov. 18th for a pizza lunch and discussion.

Advent Study

A look at the *lectionary scriptures for Advent*, at 6 pm on Wednesday nights (November 28 – December 19). Led by Teri Thomas and Ruth Moore.

At 10 am on Sunday mornings, (December 2 – 23), *Exegesis 101: Exploring the larger context of Sunday scriptures*. Led by Carol McDonald and Maureen Wilson on Sunday mornings.



November Worship

Sunday, November 4th we will celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper at both services. The Book of Ruth provides our first lesson as we explore this heartwarming story of love and covenant.

Sunday, November 11th we will continue through the Book of Ruth and Mark 12. What is your full measure? What are you able to give? On this Sunday following the elections we will continue our prayers for healing and wholeness in our country and community.

Sunday, November 18th we will be in First Samuel and the Gospel of Mark. What does the Lord control is a real question. We will experience different ways to pray and to seek God's intervention.

Sunday, November 25th is the last Sunday of the Church Year. It is called Christ the King or Reign of God Sunday. What kind of King is Jesus? We ask that as we prepare for the new year beginning in Advent.

On Wednesday, November 28th we begin our Advent Bible Study on Wednesday evenings. Teri and Ruth will lead us in exploring the passages they will be preaching on in Advent. Come help develop our Advent focus.

Curious Conversations

Want to learn more about Northminster? How about meeting new people? Do you know what it means to be a Presbyterian? Interested in church membership? We'll discuss these and other questions, **November 4 and 11, at 10 am** in the Conference Room, with Associate Pastor Ruth Moore. Please try to attend on both Sundays – there is a lot to talk about! Let Ruth know if you can attend: 317-753-3164 or ruthcmoore@northminster-indy.org. Childcare will be available.



Thank You from the Freije's

Thanks to our church family for prayers for Code Freije. October 10th, they said he is CANCER FREE!

Since last November, he has had chemo and has been in and out of the hospital, week-in and week-out. He was 5 years old when all of this started. We called him a warrior!

His parents, Chad and Charis, and grandparents, Bill and Sandy Freije, want to express their grateful thanks for your many prayers. Code has to have a scan every 3 months for the next year. We put him in the Lord's protective care!

In His Love, Pat and Bill Freije

What Do Deacons Do?

The Deacons will assemble and distribute 40 Thanksgiving Baskets to the families of School 55/Butler Lab School.

Westminster Christmas Basket Donations

We are once again collecting shampoo, conditioner and deodorant for Westminster Neighborhood Ministries' Christmas baskets. Westminster serves the near east side of our city – just east of downtown – and their clients have many needs. The baskets contain food and toiletries donated by other nearby churches and groups.

We need 300 donations of shampoo, conditioner and deodorant, (shampoo/conditioner combined counts as one each, so these are a real bargain.) Donations will be accepted through November 28th in the yellow bin in the Gathering Place. Thank you in advance for your generosity and ability to brighten the Christmas experience of our neighbors.

Join this New Northminster Tradition

Cheer for runners and walkers on Thanksgiving morning, November 22, as they participate in the Wheeler Mission Drumstick Dash. Welcome them to our warm Gathering Place with hot chocolate and plentiful bathrooms. Please arrive by 8 am before they close the roads. The event ends by 11 am, so there's plenty of time for Thanksgiving feasting. Contact Dolly Craft to volunteer or with questions: dollybike317@gmail.com or 317-502-2080.



Pokagon State Park Northminster Retreat Weekend Friday - Sunday, Feb. 1 - 3, 2019

All are welcome to get away for the weekend and enjoy all that Pokagon State Park has to offer. Whether you want to go speeding down a snowy toboggan slope, or curl up by the fire with a good book, join us for faith and fellowship. Registration Deadline: Saturday, Dec. 1, 2018. We have 20 rooms reserved. Reservations are first come, first served, and can be made by going to: www.northminster-indy.org/events or by completing a paper copy, found on information tables around



the church. For information about the inn and activities, visit <https://www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/inns/potawatomi/lodging.html>. For

questions about the weekend contact Maureen Wilson (mwilson@northminster-indy.org or 317-251-9489 ext. 18).



Confirmation will be offered for students currently in 7th and 8th grades. Confirmation is an opportunity to learn more about faith, to explore what we believe and how to live out those beliefs in the world. With the support of pastoral staff and church mentors, each student will create their own faith statement and, at the conclusion of the class, may choose for themselves if they would like to join the church. There will be an informational meeting held on **December 9th at 10 am** in the Youth Room for interested youth and parents.

Confirmation classes begin January 6th. Those who choose to join the church will be confirmed on April 28th in Worship.

Youth Group

11/4 - Movie Night: A Wrinkle in Time, 5:00 – 7:30 pm at Northminster

11/11 - Youth Group, 5:30 - 7:30 pm at Northminster

11/18 - Youth Group, 5:30 - 7:30 pm at Northminster

Children and Family Ministries

Nursery care, Preschool and Church School classes are available for children during both the 9:00 am and 11:00 am services on Sunday mornings. On the first Sunday of the month, children grades K-5th remain in worship to participate in Communion.

November Birthdays

Salima Binwa Simbi	11/1
Craig O Williams	11/1
Rebecca Erdel	11/2
John Purcell	11/2
Nancy Moritz	11/3
Katherine Robinson	11/3
Robert Barrows	11/6
Nancy Leffler	11/6
Girtha Perkins	11/6
Mary Ann McCormick	11/7
Rebecca Brooks	11/8
Michael Keppler	11/8
Kristin Keltner	11/10
Gary Ryan	11/10
Linda Theobald	11/10
Charles Walker	11/10
Emily Zubler	11/10
Mary Shebek	11/11
Dale Theobald	11/11
Matt Robinson	11/12
Steven Sarver	11/13

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Senior Ministry Events

3B Exercise

3B is in Calvin Hall on Every Monday 1:30 pm only until the 1st of November. Thursday class will resume November 15th at 1:30 pm. 3B (Body, Brain and Beliefs) is an exercise class for ages 55 and older focusing on building flexibility, strength and balance; challenges to increase memory and problem-solving skills as new brain cells grow; and time to recall beloved scriptures with devotionals and "scripture in motion." Exercise

improves circulation and keeps the brain and body healthy. Therefore, we do 3B! Join us to learn more!

Caregiver Support

All caregivers are welcome. You don't have to be a member of NPC to attend. Monday, Nov. 5th at 6:00 pm & Wednesday, Nov. 7th at 1:00 pm in the Conference room next to Ruth's Office.

Contact Denise

Your Senior Consultant, Denise Harrington, is here to answer

questions, provide information and make referrals in regard to Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, Caregiving, Rehabilitation Therapy, Estate Planning, Grief, Probate & Guardianship and Elder Law. Check the bulletin board outside of Denise's office for updated information, or contact her at 317-509-7085 or dharrington@northminster-indy.org She is at the Northminster on the 3rd Sunday.

November Calendar Highlights

11/3	12:00 pm	Jerry Gray Art Show
11/4	10:00 am	Curious Conversations
	10:00 am	A Wrinkle in Time Book Discussion
	12:00 pm	Chancel Choir lunch & rehearsal
	12:15 & 4:30 pm	Confirmation Call-Out
	5:00 pm	Youth Group Movie Night
11/6	5:00 am	Election Day - Voting
11/6	7:00 pm	Team Meeting Night
11/7	6:00 pm	Great Spiritual Migration - Study Group
11/10	6:00 pm	Adult Middlers
11/11	10:00 am	New York Times and the Bible
11/11	10:00 am	Curious Conversations
11/11	4:00 pm	Sound & Spirit - Marko Petricic: Bayan and Organ
11/12	6:00 pm	Stephen Ministers
11/12	7:00 pm	Stephen Ministers
11/13	4:00 pm	Finance Committee
11/13	7:00 pm	Deacons Meeting
11/14	6:00 pm	Great Spiritual Migration - Study Group
11/18	12:00 pm	Educated - A Memoir - Book Discussion
11/20	7:00 pm	Interfaith Service - St. Paul's Episcopal Church
11/20	7:00 pm	Session Meeting
11/22	7:30 am	Drumstick Dash Hospitality
11/23	All Day	Building Closed
11/25	10:00 am	Coffee with Krista Tippitt
11/26	9:30 am	Stephen Ministers Leaders
11/27	9:00 am	Newsletter Stuffers
11/28	9:30 am	Spiritual Striders
11/28	6:00 pm	Advent Study

Nov. 4 -
Set
your
clocks
back 1
hour!

Italian Night is
February 23, 2019
- save the date!

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Pat Ward	11/13
Everett Fleming	11/16
Laura Hedrick	11/16
Elaine Purdue	11/16
Theodore Engel	11/17
Jack Mart	11/18
Suzan Stoops	11/18
Carol Campbell	11/19
Barbara Belt	11/20
Jane Eyler	11/20
Haley Holdaway	11/20
Richard Kraege	11/20
Carol Mann	11/20
Richard Dunbar	11/22
Emma Longo	11/22
Michael Longo	11/22
Andrea Newsom	11/22
Mary Sue George	11/24
Ivo Kask	11/25
John Karpicke	11/26
Nancy Andrews	11/27
Barbara Hill	11/27
Lauren Palladino	11/27
Doug Sherow	11/27
Elizabeth Ladd	11/28
Robert A. Ross	11/29
John Carr III	11/30
Corinne Imboden	11/30

NorthStars

Historical Society Trip

NorthStars are heading downtown to the Indiana Historical Society on Tuesday, **November 27, at 10:00 am**, to visit the Festival of Trees – 80 beautifully themed trees, plus a special 30-foot show-stopper tree that guests will have to see to believe.

Cost is \$6 for Seniors (60+) or \$7 Adults. Members of the Indiana Historical Society are free. Tickets will be purchased on-site.

We will meet at the church at 9:00 a.m., with the tour scheduled for 10:00 a.m. We can either car pool or take a group on the church bus – let us know your preference.

Please let John or Brenda Reed know if you can attend (317-919-6505 or bjjkreed@comcast). Following the tour, we will eat lunch together (bring money for the Café).

Parking at the Historical Society is at the rear of the building off New York Street. Pull a ticket from the parking lot kiosk to raise the gate. Make sure to bring the ticket with you so it can be validated for free parking at the Welcome Center desk. Enter the building through the east doors under the overhang near the canal. Drivers will need to present their ticket to exit the lot. Contact information for John and Brenda Reed is 317-919-6505 or email is bjjkreed@comcast.net



Storyteller Donald Davis

The December event for NorthStars will be an evening of storytelling by nationally acclaimed master storyteller Donald Davis. Donald grew up in the mountains of North Carolina, and his stories are filled with homespun wit and wisdom. According to The New York Times, "His stories often left listeners limp with laughter at the same time they struggled with a lump in the throat."

The event will be **December 1 at 7:00 pm** in the Basile Theater of the Indiana History Center. Tickets are \$20. However, for a group of 10 or more, there is a 15% discount.

Please sign up by November 15 with Clarice Stegall (317-294-3307; stegalljourney@aol.com). Once a list is established, I will collect the exact amount and perhaps

among yourselves car-pooling from church can be arranged. Seats are not reserved, and Donald's concerts are always sell-outs, so I want to order tickets early. The stories are all-age appropriate, in case you want to bring along a "young-star."

Jerry Gray Art Show to Benefit Families First

November 3rd, 3-6 pm at Northminster

Church member, Jerry Gray, is auctioning off 20 of his pen and ink drawings (see them on display at NPC on the ramp) to benefit the work and mission of Families First (<https://www.familiesfirstindiana.org/>). Come and support Jerry, see some of his other art work, and help Families First to help children and families in Indianapolis.